(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister had assured in the House during last Budget Session that 'Nauchandi Express' will be extended from Meerut upto Saharanpur from 1st July, 1993;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister had assured an all party delegation on 5th July, 1993 during the course of a public meeting at Saharanpur that Railway Minister's assurance on Nauchandi Express will be implemented;

(c) whether above mentioned assurances have been fulfilled; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A portion of Allahabad-Meerut Nauchandi Express has been extended to/from Saharanpur w.e.f. 1-7-93.

Development/Improvement in Rail Services

4094. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development/improvement in rail services made in the N.F. Railway during the last five years, year-wise and in the current year so far;

(b) what specific proposals are under Government's consideration for the development/improvement of rail services in the said railway and by when these proposals are likely to be implemented;

(c) the details of sales generated by Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Lumding and New Bongaigaon stations of the said railway both in terms of rupees as well as number of tickets during last five years ending July, 1993 month-wise break-up and the relevant percentage of increase/decrease;

(d) whether present facilities at Dibrugarh Railway Station are far from adequate to meet the growing traffic; if so, what specific plans are required to be developed at this station; and

(e) whether government propose to reconsider its earlier decision of not to develop Dibrugarh Railway Station as a model station; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

4095. *[Transferred to 27th August, 1993].*

Monitoring Punctuality of Super Fast Trains

4096. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are monitoring punctuality of Super Fast Trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to improve punctuality of long-distance trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Punctuality of 62 pairs of Super fast trains during the last one year (August '92 to July '93) has averaged 75.5%.

(c) All possible steps within the control of the Railways including intensive chasing and round the clock mohitoring are taken to improve punctuality of trains.

Electrification in the Railways

4097. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of Indian Railways in the major Railways so far electrification is concerned;

(b) average track electrified during last five years;

(c) the details of major routes to be electrified by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether there is any proposal to electrify Manmad-Daund track; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) India, with 17% of electrified route ranks 11th amongst the international railways as far as percentage of electrified route is concerned.

(b) 626.6 Route Kilometres per year.

(c) The following major routes are already electrified:

1. Howrah-Delhi.
2. Delhi-Bombay (via Western Railway).
3. Delhi-Bombay (via Central Railway).
4. Delhi-Madras G.T. route.